

GERMAN-AMERICANS TO ATTEND MEETING

Dr. Max F. Meyer, in Letter, Shows Need of Opposing German Militarism.

WILL ORGANIZE HERE

Branch of "Friends of German Democracy" to Be Formed Today.

In the interests of democracy in Germany and the safety of the United States in its war against Prussianism, Doctor Max F. Meyer of the psychology department of the University has called for a meeting of all Americans of German descent in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. The meeting will have as its purpose the organization of a branch of the "Friends of German Democracy." The letter of Doctor Meyer, calling the meeting and explaining the purposes of the new organization, follows:

"The German government has long believed that in any and all of its enterprises it could count on the support of those Americans who are of German descent. It is still believed in Germany that America has entered the war only after suppressing the minority, those of German descent, those whose ancestors were once German citizens.

"Here is our opportunity of demonstrating to the government of Germany, and to its subjects, that the government of the United States has the enthusiastic support of those American citizens who are of German descent. With the approval and the assistance of the United States Government a national American society is being organized under the provisional name of 'Friends of German Democracy.'

Society Works With Leaders.

"A meeting is hereby called for the purpose of organizing a local branch. The direct purpose of the national society is to aid—financially, through useful information, and by all other possible means—those German subjects, in Germany and elsewhere, who are working toward democratization of the German nation, who are struggling against that large governing class which has taken the place of the few tyrants against whom men like Carl Schurz struggled in 48. The most active of these workers, because of the war, are at present residing in Switzerland. Communication with them is being established through the aid of the United States Government. They in turn have means of communicating with their friends in Germany.

"It is proposed that full membership in this national society and its local branches be restricted to American citizens of German descent. From no other class of American citizens could the German workers for democracy expect aid as naturally as from them. And from no other class, for obvious reasons, would German subjects be willing to accept aid in any activity which, by weakening autocratic power, will tend to thwart the very aim of the German government. Here is a peculiar duty falling upon you. However, those who aid this cause without fulfilling the above conditions may be elected honorary members of the society.

To Also Aid U. S. Government.

"In addition to its direct purpose of aiding democracy in Germany, this society will have an opportunity of serving many other important purposes, among which a few may here be mentioned. It will serve as an additional agency to help our government in every possible way to win this war by forces of arms. It may help, through spreading information among our citizens of German descent, to win over those who at present stand aside or are only lukewarm, and change them to support the United States Government from conviction.

"It will prevent even the possibility of this war degenerating into a racial war. It will keep before the eyes of the world the fact that we are in this war for the realization of political ideals and not for the purpose of exterminating everything German—the German people, German industry, German commerce, German literature, German music, and what not."

FOOD CHEAP IN FRANCE

Walter Mandry Says Boys Get More for Money Than They Could Here.

Walter Mandry, former student in the School of Law, now in the medical corps of the American Expeditionary Forces in France, has written to Dean Eldon R. James of the School of Law concerning the Missourians who are in France and the conditions existing there. Extracts from his letter follow:

"I have been in correspondence with the Missouri Unit for a long time. They passed through Paris about July 5 and, although they were there for two days, I knew nothing about it and failed to see any of them. All the boys were engaged in camion service—coasting big lorries filled with ammunition up to the front. About two or three weeks ago this service was taken over by the United States Government, the boys being allowed to go into any branch of the army they preferred, or enlist and remain in the same work, or do neither. I understand that about 60 per cent decided to remain in the same service, the remaining 40 per cent either going into other branches or enlisting not at all, in which case I suppose

they will return to the States. I was in Paris about two weeks ago on a visit and while there ran into two of the Missouri boys. Unfortunately I did not discover them until a short time before my train left. I understood from them that most of the boys had remained.

"I haven't seen Bill Jesse yet. I imagine that he is in the artillery school, or perhaps at some spot in the training areas. I was in the artillery school, but that was prior to the arrival of any great number. You perhaps know that some 2,000 young officers, products of the first training camp, were detailed over here. I understand that in Fort Riley's quota of seventy-eight there are a number of Missouri boys, but I have not seen any of them.

"I suppose you have seen with great interest the steady gains of the English in the Flanders sector and the rather remarkable gains the French have just made. Things are going in good shape up here, especially when one remembers that there has been a great deal of rain, and a little rain up here turns everything into a mud puddle. Fritz is certainly being pushed back foot by foot and has now lost his ability to even counter-attack. It seems like the Italians have a merry battle on at present meeting the new offensive launched by the Germans and Austrians. Just what results will come from the North Sea adventure I don't know, but it seems to me that the Germans are going to run into some pretty cold weather for a land campaign in that country.

"We hear a great deal about mutiny in the German navy, discontent among the civil population and dissatisfaction of all kinds down in Austria. How much there is to it is hard to say, but from what I have seen here it seems to me that France is in pretty good shape. We see restrictions, economies, higher prices and all of that, but everybody seems to have enough to eat, the cattle fat and sleek and horses in good shape. I know a fellow can buy all he wants to eat here and for less than he would have to pay for it in the States.

"Of course you have read about the thirteen Zeppelins that raided London on the night of the 19th and the fine disaster they met with. I guess old Count Zep turned over in his grave when he heard the results. I am enclosing herewith a little piece of the outer hide of the 'beast,' which you will notice is black and waterproof. Of course, there is a sack inside of this which contains the gas. From what Zep this came from, where, when and how, etc., I leave to your own imagination for the time being."

RED CROSS IS SHORT \$800 IN WAR WORK

Dr. W. W. Elwang Urges People of County to Make Up Deficit of Society.

NEED \$300 A MONTH

Workers Here Have Finished and Packed 11,584 Pieces of Equipment.

The Boone County Red Cross Society has sent out an urgent appeal for financial assistance in its work of helping furnish equipment for the United States forces abroad. As a result of the large expenditures for equipment, the local organization is now \$800 short. Unless this deficit is made up at once, according to Dr. W. W. Elwang, chairman of the county chapter, the work here will be greatly curtailed and might have to cease.

The financial statement of Doctor Elwang shows total receipts of \$2,474.71 since work began here in June. Expenditures during the same period have been \$1,912.71, with bills payable to the amount of \$1,350. This will leave a shortage of \$800 when all outstanding bills have been met.

\$300 a Month Needed.

According to Doctor Elwang, about \$100 comes in each month from the entire county, the amount being about equally distributed between the town and the county. At the present rate of work, however, it takes not less than \$300 each month to keep the work going.

The loss of 85 hospitals with 40,000 beds and equipment by the Italians in the recent Austro-German offensive has placed an added burden on the American workers, calling for an unusual amount of equipment such as is being made here.

11,584 Pieces of Work Packed.

Up to this time the records of the local workroom show that the following hospital and surgical supplies have been manufactured and shipped: 47 dozen pajamas, 134 dozen hospital shirts, 18½ dozen surgeons' gowns, 59 dozen hospital shoes, 168 dozen T bandages, 200 dozen gauze compresses, 2 dozen gauze drains, 2½ dozen gauze rolls, 5 dozen head bandages, 5½ dozen muslin bandages, 8 dozen cotton wipes, 7 dozen wash rags, 1½ dozen pillows, 9 dozen eye bandages, 200 dozen wipes, 49 dozen laparotomy

pads, 7½ dozen knitted mufflers, 6 dozen knitted sweaters, 5 dozen knitted socks, 5 dozen knitted mitts, 2½ dozen knitted helmets, 2½ dozen knitted abdominal bands, 21 packages muslin bandages.

This makes in all 11,584 separate pieces, all done and packed in A1 Red Cross requirements.

FARMERS DOING THEIR SHARE

Dean Mumford Tells of Increase in Potatoes, Corn and Wheat.

A tendency has developed, on the part of some persons who are given to hasty judgment, to criticize the attitude of farmers in the present crisis. The farmers have been charged with indifference and with not doing their share toward winning the war. No other man is in better position to know what the farmers are contributing toward national safety than Dean F. B. Mumford of the College of Agriculture. As dean of Missouri's College of Agriculture, as chairman of the State Council of Defense and as Federal Food Administrator of the state, he comes in direct contact with the activities of farmers.

In a recent talk before the Missouri Live Stock Producers' Association he said that the farmers of Missouri were doing as much as and probably more than any other class. The farmers responded to the appeal for increased production with one of the largest potato crops in the history of the state. In addition, they have produced a 268,000,000-bushel crop of corn. This is 136,000,000 bushels more than the production in 1916.

The increase in the corn crop is greater than in any other state. Furthermore, Missouri farmers have increased the wheat acreage sown this fall, and when the final statistics have been compiled it will be found that they have done their share toward meeting the demands.

In speaking of the necessity for increased live stock production, Dean Mumford said that the farmers had

always responded and that they would not fail this time.

"The farmers are going to produce live stock because it is needed," said Dean Mumford.

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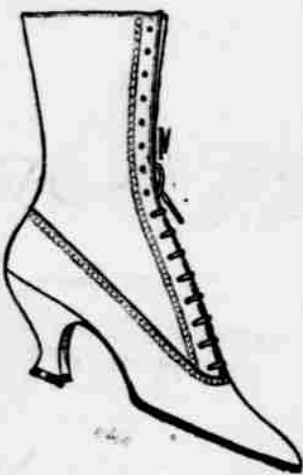
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